

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - GROUP 2178

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action of May 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: